

In the Abstract:

Line 1, delete "The invention relates to" and change "a" to --A--;

Line 5, delete ". In this method, to" and insert --includes--;

Delete line 6, in its entirety;

Line 7, delete "the slab starting from the known" and insert --determining the known--;

Line 9, delete "given knowledge of", and after "slab," insert --determining the amount of

heat and the temperature profile of the continuous-cast slabs by calculating

Line 12, delete "are";

Line 13, delete "calculated by means of" insert --using--, after "and" delete "the" and insert --using the--;

Line 15, delete "is used".

REMARKS


This preliminary amendment is presented to place the application in proper form for examination. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

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